

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE

Tomoyasu MURAKI : Confirmation No. 5663

Serial No. 10/058,737 : [Group Art Unit 1711

Filed January 30, 2002 : Examiner Sanza L. McClendon]

A RUBBER COMPOSITION USED FOR A RUBBER STOPPER FOR A MEDICAMENT OR FOR A MEDICAL TREATMENT OR ITS CROSSLINKED PRODUCT

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Item 4 beginning on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability sets forth a statement of the Examiner's reasons for allowance. This states that Applicant has amended the claims to recite "which isobutylene copolymers have a density of at most 0.95". However, referring to the Remarks on page 5 of the Amendment filed January 2, 2004, and also the continuation sheet attached to the Interview Summary Form, it is the <u>rubber composition or its crosslinked product</u>, rather than the isobutylene copolymers, which has a density of at most 0.95.

Respectfully submitted,

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